

An Information Bulletin for the Members of the New England UFO Study Group (Founded 1959)

Multiple Witness Daylight Sighting in Medway, Mass.

By Joe Nyman

On June 25, 1978, Samuel Torrey, Jr., Mrs. Judith Willinski, and Michael Koczwarra were spending a pleasant evening in the Torrey backyard at 62 Main St., Medway. Also present were Mrs. Torrey and the Torrey children. The time was 8 p.m., and the sun was still above the horizon. The sky was almost cloudless and the temperature a balmy 76°. As Mr. Torrey raised his head to follow the path of the ball his son was playing with, his eye caught sight of a distant object which seemed to be spherical. As he watched, the object rapidly approached until it stopped in mid-air at an estimated 200-300 feet from the witness. It hovered and wobbled, and while doing so, Mr. Torrey could see that instead of a sphere, the object was shaped like an inverted saucer with a dome on top. It was at this point that Mrs. Willinski also noticed it. She compared it to pewter in appearance, for, since it was situated in the southeast it was easy to observe with her back to the sun.

She, at this point, had the subjective feeling that the object was aware of the observers, and it slowly began to move to their left out of sight behind a tree. Mrs. Willinski ran to get her husband while the other two walked quickly to the front of the house to get a better vantage point for further observation. They were able to again see the object hover for a short time before speeding off to the northeast. The total time of observation was about one minute.

Investigating for the NEUFOSG were Ed Fogg, Joe Nyman and Wally Woodward, who talked with the witnesses at the beginning of July. It was the consensus of the investigating team that the witnesses were telling the truth and had seen a genuine unknown. Mr. Paul Koczwarra, the Torrey's next door neighbor, did not think that Sam Torrey was the type of individual to make up UFO stories. He also typified his son as very unlikely to participate in a hoax of that nature. After the sighting, Mr. Torrey called the Norfolk airport and found that there were no planes in the air at the time. In any case, he was quite familiar with airport traffic and knew that what he had seen bore no resemblance to a conventional aircraft.

The observers seemed to be genuinely puzzled about what they had seen, but as we have heard so many times before, they found it hard to convince others of the truth of their experience.

Silver-Gray
Color

Est. Length
30-50 feet



SKETCH OF OBJECT SEEN IN
MEDWAY, MASS., JUNE 25, 1978

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

The following information, which was received too late to include in this issue of the **NEWSLETTER**, was received from Joe Nyman, through a friend who lives in Maine. This friend is forwarding a newspaper article to Joe, which will be summarized in the January, 1979 issue of the bulletin.

Basically, on the night of September 13, 1978, a Sighting of an apparent UFO occurred at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and was witnessed by members of at least three different area police departments. The size of the object was estimated to be in the vicinity of 200 feet in diameter!

Galligan Resigns Post As NEUFO President

New England UFO Study Group President Andrew Galligan has notified the Secretary the due to time-consuming business commitments, he has decided that he must resign the office of President, effective immediately. Andy will be sorely missed, as his leadership and intuitive insight into some of the enigmas surrounding the UFO phenomena has been outstanding. We all join in wishing Andy continuing good fortune in his new business venture.

Joe Nyman, who has been serving as Vice-President, will be assuming the duties of President, according to provisions included in our By-laws. It is expected that Joe will make an excellent President, and will lead NEUFO on to new and increased status in the field of UFO research.

UFO data base operational

FIRST RESULTS CONFIRM SIMILAR PAST STUDIES

Although 62 entries is admittedly an insignificant sampling of the vast number of UFO events which have occurred, the first output from the computer, shown in graph form elsewhere, has yielded some significant results.

Chief among these is evidence to support the historical contention that more reports of UFOs seen during the summer months are made than at any other time of the year. It can still be argued, however, that this does not indicate that there is any less activity at these other times, only that there are less people out-of-doors to witness the phenomena.

One chart which should be interpreted correctly is the one labeled 'Distribution by County' — this should not be taken to indicate that Norfolk County, in Massachusetts, has the highest number of reported events in the state, rather, the large percentage indicated on the chart is due primarily

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to the most active investigators in NEUFO residing in and around that county. The same analysis also applies to the figure for Middlesex County, although this writer cannot at this time recall any particular group of investigators who were active in that area during the 1960s (the time of greatest number of reports received).

'Distribution by Day of Month' raises some interesting thoughts — for example, it would seem that reports on the 29th, 30th and 31st days may be statistically meaningless due to the fact that not all months have these days, indeed, February only has a 29th every four years. The dates with no reports recorded are interesting in themselves, but with more data available, will undoubtedly show events occurring on these dates as well. The final observation, the high number of reports for the 23rd of the month, is unexplained at this time — perhaps future data or other researchers will be able to shed light on this detail.

And, of course, the final illustration shows just what one would expect, namely, that the highest incidence of reports fall into the 'General' category, i.e., those which have no significant details to them, such as appearing to be a structured craft. This includes, among other things, nocturnal lights (NLs). As the late Ivan Sanderson once said, at a meeting of NEUFO, 'I think that if anyone tells me about another light in the sky, I shall cut my throat!'

In any event, these charts were presented at the July meeting, mainly to illustrate some of the ways in which the data could be sorted. This example is by no means comprehensive, but is by way of illustration, only. As more data becomes available, and is stored in the computer, we will be able to extract all or any portion of any give record (of course, we can do this now), as well as any specific piece or pieces of information that can be defined by the data in the file. The program is very flexible and quick to adapt to any conceivable need which might arise. Further updates will be included in future issues of the NEWSLETTER.

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War of the Worlds

By Dave Downs

Forty years ago on an October evening in 1938, the Columbia radio network broadcast a dramatic program which told of the invasion of earth by creatures from the planet Mars. The realism of the production and the newslite technique of the broadcast caused many Americans to panic.

This important event greatly influenced our government's public policy towards UFO reports. In 1952 the U.S. Air Force adopted a policy of discrediting and explaining away UFO reports. This was to avoid a similar panic in the future. It was this policy of debunking, in the 50s and 60s that was largely responsible for the birth of civilian UFO groups like the New England UFO Study Group.

At the beginning of the broadcast an announcement was made informing the listening audience of the activities to follow. Directly following the program, Orson Wells explained that his broadcast was his way of dressing up in a sheet and saying 'Boo!'. Unfortunately for many thousands of Americans, they had tuned in after Mr. Wells' introductory message, and had left their radios in panic before the conclusion. One man narrowly stopped his wife from swallowing a bottle of poison as she screamed, 'I'd rather die this way than like that!'

The reactions of Americans to the broadcast were many and varied. One reason why many people believed that the invasion was actually taking place was that Americans had been conditioned to the idea of an advanced civilization existing on the planet Mars. This conditioning had come about between 1755 and 1938 as the result of literature, both fiction and non-fiction, and by experiments reportedly receiving radio signals from outer space.

Very little literature concerning space travel and extra-terrestrial life appeared between the first two known books on the subject (2,000 years ago) and the eighteenth century. This may have been due to the fact that books were written by men of religion, and it was against the belief of the Church, for centuries, to admit to the possibility of other worlds.

In the eighteenth century, with the help from his observations through the telescope, Copernicus concluded that the earth was revolving around the sun. This was an 'about-face' from the popular belief of his time. This new understanding of the earth's true position in the universe made man more aware of the possibilities for the existence of extra-terrestrial life.

Immanuel Kant wrote *'Natural History and Theory of the Heavens'* in 1755. This book mentions the inhabitants of Mars.

In 1784 an astronomer named Sir William Herschel stated that Mars has an atmosphere... 'so its inhabitants probably enjoy conditions analogous to ours in several respects'.

In 1824 a great mathematician, Carl Friedrich Gauss, proposed that we set

up a signal to the Martians to let them know of our existence. This could be done, he felt, by irrigating the Siberian Tundra and planting pine forests in the outline of a giant pythagorean triangle with the outline of squares on each side. The large square would be planted with wheat and the two smaller squares with rye. The different shades of color would identify this universal figure to the Martians.

In 1877, Asaph Hall discovered the Martian satellites, Phobos and Deimos. Phobos took less time to orbit Mars than Mars did to rotate on her axis. The Martian Phobos was the only satellite in the solar system which did not conform to 'Astronomical law'. This fact encouraged many questions in regard to the origin of the satellite.

About the same time came an announcement from an Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, that he had observed canals on the surface of Mars. Although canali in Italian means grooves or channels, it was translated as canals, which had the implication that they were the work of intelligent beings.

The two 1877 discoveries sparked intense interest and speculation about Mars, that lasted well into the twentieth century.

Schiaparelli wrote a book entitled *'Mars'* in 1895 in which he outlined his belief that Mars was, or at one time was, inhabited by an intelligent civilization.

Two years later a German professor of mathematics, Kurd Lasswitz, published a science fiction story called, *'Concerning Two Planets'*. Within a year it had been translated into nine different languages. This book dealt with a visit to the earth from Mars. In the same year, H.G. Wells wrote his classic science fiction *'War of the Worlds'*. The subject of this book was an invasion from Mars.

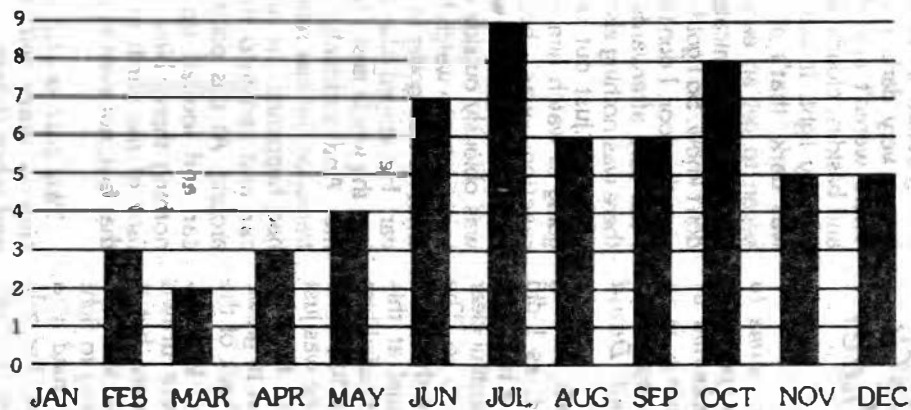
In 1899 Nikola Tesla, an electrical engineer, claimed to have received the first interplanetary radio signals. During his experiments with wireless transmission of power in Colorado, Tesla's equipment registered '...periodic signals with a clear suggestion of number and order'. He said, 'A purpose was behind these signals...they are the results of an attempt by some human beings not from our world, to speak to us by signals...I am absolutely certain that they are not caused by anything terrestrial'.

In the year 1900, Schiaparelli published his second book on Mars entitled *'Mars and its Canals'*.

Percival Lowell, an astronomer who was considered one of the foremost

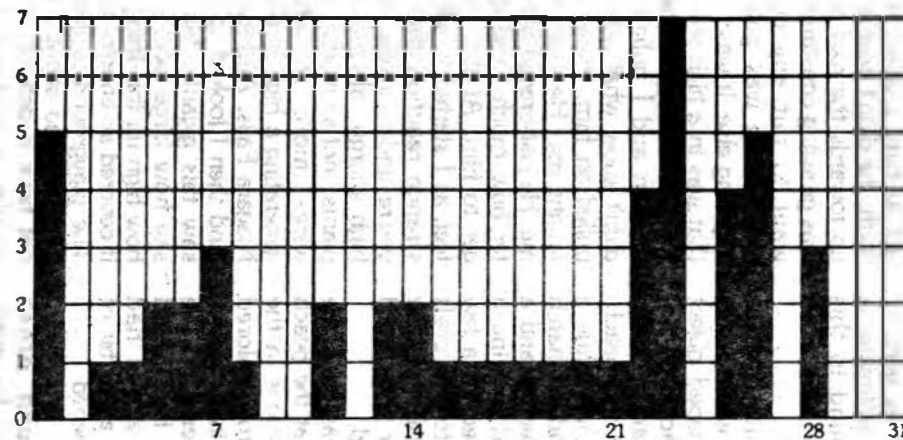
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DISTRIBUTION by MONTH



Events Listed on Chart = 58
Uncertain Dates = 4
Total = 62

DISTRIBUTION by DAY of MONTH



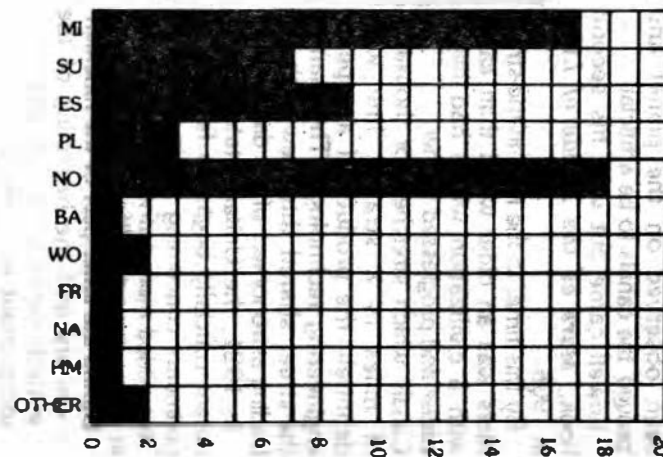
Events Listed on Chart = 51
Uncertain Dates = 11
Total = 62

DISTRIBUTION by CATEGORY



GENERAL = 49
PHOTOGRAPHIC = 4
OTHER = 9
Total = 62

DISTRIBUTION by COUNTY



War of Worlds...Continued)

authorities on Mars, published his book, *'Mars and its Canals'* in 1906. He gave a detailed history of what had been observed on the planet and 'proved' the canals to be artificial.

Lowell came out with his second book, *'Mars as the Abode of Life'*, in 1908.

By this time, to the man-in-the-street, Mars was an older world than earth, with a civilization which had begun earlier and progressed further.

Canals which stretched for thousands of miles in a straight line were definitely the product of a superior engineering technology. The man-in-the-street shared this view with the leading astronomers of the day.

In 1921, the United States Government officially began to finance experiments concerning life in meteorite. This added more authority to the belief in extra-terrestrial life.

During the latter part of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century, Americans were reading about and seeing something besides canals millions of miles out in space. Their own skies were being used by strange airships (the ancestor of the present-day Flying Saucer). The air ships were shaped like a cigar and made a noise like '...a Westinghouse air brake'. It was the opinion of an editorialist in the Colony, Kansas, *Free Press* that '...it was a space ship from Mars'.

By the year 1938, certain books and discoveries had convinced many Americans that there was life on Mars. Experiments which produced radio signals originating out in space, seemed to confirm this belief. To many Americans, the airships seemed to be evidence of the reconnaissance of earth by an intelligent Martian civilization.

Many Americans were primed for the 1938 broadcast. To these people, a 'War of the Worlds' was as acceptable as a televised 'World War Three' would be to people living in the 1970s.

Book Report:

PHYSICAL TRACES ASSOCIATED WITH UFO SIGHTINGS

Compiled by Mr. Ted Phillips

Published by Center for UFO Studies, P.O. Box 11, Northfield, Illinois 60093.

Write to CUFOS for ordering info.

As the title of the above book suggests, this is a catalog containing 831 reports, the result of specialized research into physical traces found

following a UFO event. It is very interesting reading, and the following is typical of the entries found in this publication.

May 21, 1974, Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. A single witness saw a 50 foot, domed, disc-shaped object with several lights approach horizontally over the ocean, descend vertically and land on four legs on the beach. The Object radiated heat and made a humming or pulsing sound. A hatch folded down from the underside and a 6 foot humanoid egressed wearing a suit with headgear, remained for a few seconds, then returned to the craft which closed up and lifted off. A louder sound as if from a motor was heard when the hatch was opened.

As soon as the object was gone, the witness shone a flashlight at the beach and saw four large depressions in the sand containing a deep rose-colored paste with a thick liquid in it, also a spot of rose-colored material on the sand, under where the hatch had opened. My morning the tide had removed all the traces except a bit of red where the hatch had opened.

The above catalog, and other materials are available, by mail, directly from CUFOS.

Brockton Mystery Unveiled — Under Investigation

A Brockton, Mass. man claims to have had the following experience in 1957 (exact date is unknown at this time). The following is a paraphrase of his oral report to to Merlyn Sheehan and David Downs this past August.

"Well, as I told you, I took the dog out to the field that night, as I did every night. It was less than a half hour from our house. It was a beautiful clear night, in fact it was noticeably so. The dog was in the back seat of the car. I did not feel anything unusual at this time. I got out of the car and called him as I always did. When I went to put on his leash, I noticed he was...he was just fine until we got there and then he became very quiet and began to growl. He was leaning against the back of the seat. His whole personality, if you will, had changed. His lips were drawn up...his fangs bared completely, but it wasn't the kind of anger that you normally see when a dog is going to fight another dog, or when he is mad at a human or other thing. It was...the only way I can describe it was as a totally primitive reaction on his part. I couldn't

get to him. I called his name and so forth...he didn't hear me. His eyes were up towards the roof of the car and he was growling constantly and ah...I don't want to put any connotation (on) whether he was going to attack or anything else. It was just like an animal that was in a high state of reaction. So I got out of the car and I put the leash on him and I pulled him figuring...I didn't know what was happening. So I pulled on him. He wouldn't come. He fought me. He wasn't even aware of me. He just braced himself and no matter how much I called him, I couldn't get to him. At this point I started to feel, as I started to tell you before, this strange reaction that you feel when you're under...in the vicinity of a very high energy...ah, electrical generating plants...not so much under high tension wires...more so where it's really generating a high level of energy like at Niagara Falls. And it's a shivery thing. And then I looked up in the sky and I saw this gigantic black thing...I can't say how large because I don't know how high up this thing was except that it covered an enormous part of the sky. The playground is enormous and this thing covered about a third of it. It did not have a definite shape like oval or circular or anything. It seemed to me because I wasn't noticing so much...that...except that I had an eerie feeling about...in reaction to the animal. It was very dark. It was not a cloud. There weren't any clouds in the sky and besides, clouds would have reflected city light. It was not gray. It just was dark, that's all. And suddenly I began to get an eerie feeling, whether this was communicated from the dog, I don't know. So I got back in the car and shut the door. I don't know why I did it. I felt silly afterwards. Then I decided there was nothing else to do...I was just going to...just out of curiosity, I was going to watch him and see where his reaction was because he was more...whatever he was picking up, it was obviously outside of my senses. So I was going to watch his reaction to see what he was going to do and play it by ear. He stayed like this, and stayed, and the whole time I had this feeling on me. And suddenly, with almost no transition, he just relaxed as if nothing had happened...he jumped out of the car and ran into the field and ran around. At this point I got out of the car and looked up and there was nothing there. Now no cloud on the face of the earth could have moved that fast, not even in a hurricane."

This case is still under investigation — more will be published if and when it becomes available.

Credit — Fall River, Mass., *Herald News*
Saturday, August 26, 1978

Contributed by Wesley Hathaway

Report UFO Area Sightings

By Fred Rhines
Herald Staff Reporter

What was it that two women saw in the early morning light last Tuesday on Route 79?

"It was really beautiful," said Mary Pacheco, "really, really beautiful. It looked like an old, all white mill building. It had rows of tiny, tiny windows that were lit. The blue clouds almost touched those windows. To the right was a thing like a chimney. It had bright white lights that sparkled."

The unusual sighting took place shortly after 5 a.m. in the southeast sky off Route 79, past the city airport.

Ms. Pacheco and her passenger, Carol Peters, were on their way to work when Ms. Pacheco saw the visual phenomenon she described as "like a castle."

"It didn't bother my eyes at all," she said. "It was like a beautiful painted picture with the sun behind it. Just gorgeous."

The vision stood still in the sky for "several seconds," she stated, long enough for her to back up slightly for a better view.

Her passenger, Ms. Peters, confirmed the same sighting in an independent interview by telephone to her place of employment in New Bedford.

"For lack of better words, it looked like a castle in the sky," said Ms. Peters. "It looked like a silo with a mill attached. We could see all those windows. They were lit up. That's what really upset us."

"It looked like fog was separating a clear view of a building," she added. "That's what it looked

like. It was bright. There was a strong light behind it. It was slightly above the tree line. It was not cloud formation. It looked like a building."

"It was not a mirage," she declared. "There it was over those trees. It was really beautiful. We passed it, saw it, backed up and took a second look. I said, 'I'll be damned.' There are very few things that upset me. I'm just wondering what I saw."

Whatever it was the two women saw that morning, more reports of sightings came in later in the day from the Highland section of the city.

A dozen persons said they saw a bright object in the sky about noontime, in the southeast sky in the Highland area.

Joseph Allie, a Dighton landscaper, was working on Melrose Street Tuesday noon when he saw something in the sky.

"It looked like a round sphere," said Allie. "A bright, glaring light came out of it, but the light didn't stay focused on any one place. It kept rotating, something like a lighthouse. It hovered at about 1,500 feet for a while, then went eastward over North Watuppa (pond). From there, it went straight up, until it went out of sight."

"I could hear a whining noise all the time it was in sight," he added. "It was a soft whine, but after it got up high in the air, I couldn't hear anything. It didn't go up too fast, though, and I could still see the lights."

Allie said that his two helpers, several neighborhood youngsters and a few area residents, saw the same object.

Allie also said reports of

a similar sighting reached him on Wednesday "It was seen in the early morning hours in about the same location," he said.

"At first I saw the glaring light," said Allie. "I thought it might have been a helicopter, with the sun reflecting on it. Then I listened for the uneven sound that a helicopter engine makes and believe me that wasn't the sound this thing made. It wasn't a helicopter."

The Police Department said it did not record calls about any mysterious object in the sky Tuesday or Wednesday, yet the sightings were the talk of several dinner time conversations in many of the city's eating establishments.

However, no one is willing to come forward and acknowledge that they did see something in the sky on Tuesday.

In fact, three persons at a city diner were overheard discussing sightings recorded by their friends those two days but were reluctant to talk to a reporter.

Nationally known psychic Ron Halteri of Quincy said he's not surprised about the new sighting reports.

"It's been going on in that same Somerset-Fall River area since Christmas," said Halteri. "I have a witness in Somerset who has seen clusters of lights over Route 79."

"The description given by the two women tallies with what my witness has been telling me," he added. "A farm or castle-like object with bright lights, usually seen over a line of trees."

Halteri said he was working with a local radio station that reported objects hovering over its transmitting towers and attempting to land between them.

Halteri said there were seven witnesses to those sightings, and he has tape recorded witnesses' reactions and descriptions

of what was seen.

"There are probably dozens of people who saw the same thing Tuesday but are unwilling to come forward," said Halteri, "because of the usually unfavorable publicity that results."

Halteri said he witnessed a sighting recently in Somerset.

He described it as "a saucer shape — only inverted. It was a bright blurring light and disappeared rapidly. That was just before dusk."

A second sighting was made later that same night and recorded on film by using a special film and camera mounted on a tripod so as to allow for time exposures.

The objects appeared on film as bright and blurred. "They looked like stars that would disappear in about 15 minutes. Of course they weren't stars. The earth's rotation would take longer to record," said Halteri.

"I've seen them many, many times over Somerset, near the power plant, they look like bright lights," he added.

Halteri said he predicted that a mass sighting would take place in this general area this spring or summer. "That prediction came true. Those things are quite real," he stated.

"I'm not surprised that there are new reports," he added. "There will be a successful landing before the year ends."

"I believe that they have learned how to make use of the electro-magnetic field that takes place over power lines," said Halteri. "We don't know how they do it, but they are always seen near power plants or radio station transmitting towers."

"I've lived in Quincy all my life," he added, "and never saw a thing until I came to Fall River. Believe me, what those people are seeing is real."

Other Life in Universe Called "Nebulous"

Professor Timothy Baxter teaches astronomy at Bridgewater and Wheaton Colleges, and asks 'are we alone?' — he says the answer is, indeed, nebulous.

Speaking recently at the Boyden Library in Foxboro, Baxter said that the question will one day be probably answered in the affirmative, and that he, personally, would like to spot a UFO.

For the moment, however, we will have to satisfy our curiosity about what possible aliens might look like by attending sci-fi movies such as CE3. As his slide show indicated, alleged aliens who have reportedly contacted earthlings in the past range from beautiful, golden-haired Venusians to bug-eyed monsters.

It is Professor Baxter's contention that these reports are the result of hoaxes, delusions or fantasy, but with at least 200 billion galaxies in the universe, it is possible that many millions of civilizations could exist, he told his audience.

As he pointed out, it is already too late for us to adhere to an isolationist policy, since we have been advertising our presence ever since the first radio broadcasts began, and the first contact with alien intelligences will probably be by this means.

Andrew Galligan has submitted the following article from the Taunton, Mass., Gazette. He feels that he has had several sightings in the Raynham-Bridgewater area, and has detailed these in a three page report, complete with a map. This report will be available for Members' inspection at the next meeting.

Odd-Shaped 'Object'

Taunton Gazette

Hovers Over the City

July 1 78

By KATHY MOGAN
Staff Reporter

Was it fireworks or something else that glowed in the sky west of Taunton last night?

Is there any connection between the five-pointed object that seemed to hover over the city for a couple of hours last night and the request by the Connecticut State Police exactly two weeks ago sent out to area police departments for any information on sightings of unidentified flying objects?

There are no official reports on UFOs from any of the police departments in Greater Taunton, nor are there any log reports on sightings at either Logan Airport in Boston or Green Airport in Warwick, R.I.

However, as one control tower employee said, "The crew that's on now wasn't on last night but nothing was relayed to us. We don't have any knowledge of it."

Whatever it was, it was visible to several Tauntonians between 8 and 10 p.m. last night.

"Must be fireworks," said one policeman as the station was called about the sighting.

But those who saw it noted that it stayed in relatively the same position for too long to be any type of aerial display connected with the Kiddie's Day fireworks.

Besides, for those who spotted the glowing object, the fireworks were in the opposite direction. They also reported that it was an exceptionally clear night ruling out a possible reflection-off-the-clouds theory.

First Report

William J. Casey of Briarwood Dr., school superintendent in Belmont, was the first to report seeing it. He notified neighbors and other friends pleading, "Tell me I'm not going crazy," as he asked them to verify what he was seeing.

After the expected kidding about starting the holiday early, his neighbors and friends also saw the object, which one man said seemed to be bobbing up and down slightly, and watched as it gradually dipped below the tree line.

It could also be seen from the Bennett School where several people gathered to watch the two-hour display.

One woman said she spotted the object while driving on Danforth St. at about 10 p.m. Considering briefly that it might be a UFO, she dismissed that notion when a tree blocked her vision for a few seconds and she spotted the object at a different point shortly after. "It was too far from the first place I'd seen it," she said. "I didn't think anything could move that fast so I decided it must have been two planes."



However, about 15 minutes later, the same shape was seen moving west by a Portsmouth, R.I. man who was at home at the time.

While it had been in Taunton, several observers stated that several airplanes were flying over and around it. "There seemed to be an unusual number of planes in that area of the sky at the time," one viewer said.

At least three people said they could detect a greenish light glowing from one of the top points of the object as well.

Air Force offices were closed for the day and officials were unavailable for comment.

NEUFOSG Sighting Summary

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WITN'S	MANEUVERS	DESCRIPTION
8/27/78	Day	Boston Hbr. (From aircraft flying toward Cape Cod)	2	N/A	N/A — believed to be a radar-visual case, details pending
8/27/78	Day	North Shore	1	N/A	Cigar-shaped — no sketch at this time
8/24/78	Night	Gloucester	1	N/A	N/A at this time
8/4/78	2230EDT	Peabody	1	Moved slowly away until lost behind trees	
4/10/77	Night	Enfield, Conn. (credit-Tarheel)	1	N/A	Multiple nocturnal lights
2/17/67	1:05EST	Dorchester	2	Moved slowly over- head with loud noise.	
2/7/77	Night	Weston, Conn. (credit-Tarheel)	4	N/A	4 police officers report independent viewing of nocturnal light

(IN ADDITION, SEE DETAILED REPORTS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE)